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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
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**Re: Petition of AMSC Subsidiary Corporation for Clarification of
Sections 54.601(C) and 54.506 of the Commission's Rules
CC Docket No. 96-45, DA 00-237**

Dear Ms. Salas:

On January 19, 2000, the Wyandotte Nation filed with the Commission a Statement of Interest supporting the above-referenced Petition of AMSC Subsidiary Corporation ("AMSC"). A copy of the Statement of Interest is attached hereto for reference. By this letter, the Wyandotte Nation hereby requests the Commission to incorporate its Statement of Interest as part of the record in this proceeding for consideration with the underlying Petition.

Please direct any questions concerning this filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Bill McKee
Executive Director

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STATEMENT OF INTEREST

The Wyandotte Tribal Council, representing the Wyandotte Indian Nation, hereby release this Statement of Interest concerning American Mobile Satellite Corporations (AMSC) offer to provide Emergency and Life Line communications using the Universal Service Funds ("USF"). There is an urgent need for emergency communications on Native American tribal lands throughout the United States, and AMSC is now in a position to offer critical emergency communications services without the need to construct and deploy costly wireline infrastructure.

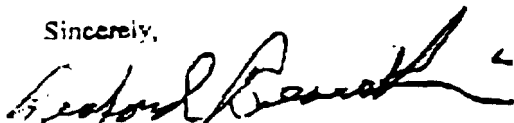
The Commission identified a critical and long-standing need for such service for Native Americans that have not had access to emergency communications. As a result the Commission has undertaken a major initiative to address the critical shortage of telecommunications services on Native American tribal lands. As Chairman Kennard said in the Commission's March hearing. Our Indian peoples are the most distressed population in America. Nowhere is this more evident than in the case of emergency and public safety communications. The lack of access to these communication services by this population puts their very lives at risk.

AMSC has the technology in place to provide such service immediately, using AMSC's Mobile Satellite Service ("MSS") system and specially-adapted emergency communications terminals that would be installed at convenient locations throughout tribal lands that are too remote to be served by terrestrial technology.

Whereas AMSC is seeking designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") and to provide support for rural health care providers ("RHCP") for the purpose of obtaining universal service support necessary to provide affordable and critical communications on the many reservations throughout the United States. The Wyandotte Indian Nation supports their application(s) and additionally petition the Commission to grant the appropriate waivers and approvals required to allow American Mobile Satellite to begin providing these critical communications services.

The Wyandotte Indian Nation makes this statement to indicate their interest in working together to serve the telecommunications needs of not only the Wyandotte nation but all Native Americans.

Sincerely,


Leonard Bearskin, Chief
Wyandotte Nation

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